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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/247,826	02/11/1999	KENICHI SHIRAISHI	0670-208	8094

TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD FOR REMOVING AM NEIGHBORING INTERFERENCE AND A CIRCUIT FOR THE SAME

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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	09/247,826	SHIRAISHI ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Tony M. Jacobson	2644

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the original application filed 11 February 1999.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3.
3. The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

5. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 - (a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

7. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No. _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the Examiner.
 - (c) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet.

9. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	4 <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____.
5 <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. _____.	6 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment
7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material	8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
	9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings filed on 11 February 1999 are acceptable subject to correction of the informalities indicated on the attached "Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review," PTO-948. In order to avoid abandonment of this application, correction is required in reply to the Office action. The correction will not be held in abeyance.

INFORMATION ON HOW TO EFFECT DRAWING CHANGES

1. Correction of Informalities -- 37 CFR 1.85

New corrected drawings must be filed with the changes incorporated therein. Identifying indicia, if provided, should include the title of the invention, inventor's name, and application number, or docket number (if any) if an application number has not been assigned to the application. If this information is provided, it must be placed on the front of each sheet and centered within the top margin. If corrected drawings are required in a Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37), the new drawings **MUST** be filed within the **THREE MONTH** shortened statutory period set for reply in the "Notice of Allowability." Extensions of time may NOT be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 for filing the corrected drawings after the mailing of a Notice of Allowability. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

2. Corrections other than Informalities Noted by Draftsperson on form PTO-948.

All changes to the drawings, other than informalities noted by the Draftsperson, **MUST** be made in the same manner as above except that, normally, a highlighted (preferably red ink) sketch of the changes to be incorporated into the new drawings **MUST** be approved by the examiner before the application will be allowed. No changes will be permitted to be made, other than correction of informalities, unless the examiner has approved the proposed changes.

Timing of Corrections

Applicant is required to submit acceptable corrected drawings within the time period set in the Office action. See 37 CFR 1.185(a). Failure to take corrective action within the set (or extended) period will result in **ABANDONMENT** of the application.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
3. Claims 1 and 2 recite a method and corresponding apparatus for removing neighboring interference in an AM receiver, comprising multiplying a received signal by a pair of signals having frequencies equally above and below the frequency of an interfering signal which is to be eliminated, respectively; filtering the resulting multiplied signals to remove high frequency components; subtracting one of the resulting filtered signals from the other filtered signal; and filtering the resulting subtracted signal to remove high-frequency components and obtain the desired AM signal.
4. Heinzmann (USPN 5,603,110) discloses a method and apparatus (Fig. 4) wherein the received signal is multiplied by a pair of signals having frequencies located equally above and below the frequency of an interfering signal. (A signal twice the frequency of the interfering signal and a signal of zero frequency are respectively above and below the frequency of an interfering signal by an amount equal to the frequency of the interfering signal.) The result of the multiplication is filtered to remove undesired frequency components produced by the multiplication, which may be low or high frequencies. Since the received signal is multiplied by the sum of the two signals having frequencies equally above and below the frequency of the interfering signal, respectively, in a single stage, and the subtraction is performed indirectly as a consequence of the 90-degree phase shifting of the generated signal prior to the squaring operation, Heinzmann does not include steps or means for separately

removing high frequency components from each of two multiplied signals, nor subtracting one of the resulting signals from the other to obtain a subtraction signal.

5. Muzzi (USPN 3,628,155) discloses a method and apparatus (Fig. 9) for intensifying a desired AM signal including the steps and means to multiply the received signal by a pair of signals spectrally located equally above and below the frequency of the desired signal, instead of an undesired signal as in the present invention, and the two multiplied and filtered signals are added so that the desired signal is reinforced, instead of being subtracted to cancel an undesired signal, as in the present invention.

6. Dilley (USPN 4,181,892) discloses an apparatus for eliminating broadband noise from a received RF signal, in which a received signal is multiplied by a pair of generated signals, however the pair of signals are not spectrally located equally above and below an interfering signal, rather one multiplying signal frequency is selected to produce a normal intermediate frequency signal as a difference frequency at the output of the corresponding multiplier, and the other is varied rapidly over the entire bandwidth of the input RF amplifier. The multiplied signals are filtered to remove high-frequency components (and low-frequency components) and the two derived signals (after being amplified and processed by energy detector circuits) are subtracted to produce the desired AM modulation wave.

7. Although the prior art cited uses structures or methods similar to recited in claims 1 and 2, the examiner finds no teaching in the prior art to combine or modify any of those references to produce the claimed invention.

8. Claim 3 recites a circuit for removing a pair of AM neighboring interference signals located symmetrically about a desired signal in an AM receiver, comprising (paraphrased) three local oscillators generating signals, the first and second of which have frequencies equally above and below the frequency of a first interference signal that is to be eliminated, respectively, and the third of which has a frequency equal to that of the second, plus twice the difference between the frequencies of the two interfering signals; three multipliers multiplying the input signal separately by the three generated local oscillator signals; three low-pass filters separately filtering the outputs of the three multipliers to remove high-frequency components from the outputs of the multipliers; a subtractor to subtract the outputs of the second and low-pass filters from the output of the first low-pass filter; and a bandpass filter to filter the output of the subtractor and eliminate frequency components located more than half the difference between the frequencies of the signals that were to originally be eliminated above or below center frequency of the (shifted) desired signal (which is now half the frequency of the lower-frequency one of the two original interference signals to be eliminated). The structure is basically that of claim 2, with the addition of the third local oscillator, multiplier, and low-pass filter and the replacement of the low-pass filter at the output with a band pass filter.

9. The circuit of claim 3 differs from the prior art in the same ways as indicated above regarding claims 1 and 2. The additional third local oscillator, multiplier, and low-pass filter elements further distinguish the invention of claim 3 over the prior art. While the method and apparatus of Heinzmann described above in regard to claims 1 and 2 is

capable of removing multiple interfering signals, the apparatus disclosed is substantially different.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.
11. French et al. (USPN 4,864,643) disclose a system for eliminating adjacent channel interference or image frequencies in a radio receiver using well-known quadrature modulation techniques to produce a normal signal and a signal in which an interfering signal component is polarity-inverted, which can reject either a sum frequency or a difference frequency by selectively adding or subtracting the two modified signals.
12. Carson (USPN 5,134,723) discloses a system for enhancing the sensitivity of a radio receiver by canceling broadband noise, in which an input signal is processed separately through a normal channel and a noise channel and the resulting signals are subtracted after audio detection to remove a noise component. The multiplying frequency in the noise channel is selected to cause the noise channel to process an arbitrary portion of the spectrum near the desired signal, containing noise only, with the assumption that a broadband noise signal is similar in near portions of the spectrum.

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13. Meyers (USPN 4,992,747) discloses a system for separating partially-overlapping FM signals by using successive phase-locked loop stages to capture (and simultaneously demodulate) a dominant signal, subtracting the captured dominant signal from the input to that particular stage, and supplying the subtracted signal to a subsequent stage for detection of the next dominant signal, and so on.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tony M. Jacobson whose telephone number is (703) 305-5532. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. -Fri. 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Forester W. Isen can be reached on (703) 305-4386. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9314 for regular communications and (703) 872-9315 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4750.

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June 27, 2003


FORESTER W. ISEN
SUPERIOR PATENT EXAMINER
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ALLOWED REVIEW

Application Number 09/247,826	rt Unit 2644	Notice of Allowance 01-Jul-03	Examiner JACOBSON, TONY	Reviewer Bookbinder, Marc
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Omitted Rejections

Is there a potential clear error for omitting a rejection? (The rejection you propose must be reasonable)

Yes No

If yes, check all that apply

- 35 U.S.C. 102
- 35 U.S.C. 103
- 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, written description
- 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, enablement
- 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph
- 35 U.S.C. 101 (utility)
- 35 U.S.C. 101 (non-statutory subject matter)
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SECTION XI. File Wrapper**Reasons for Allowance (R/A)**

Did the Examiner write a Reasons for Allowance (R/A)?

 Yes No N/A

If yes,

Is the R/A clear and complete?

 Yes No

If no,

Does the record as a whole indicate a R/A was necessary?

 Yes No

Comments:

Interviews

Was there an interview regarding the merits of the case relevant to the action reviewed?

 Yes No

If yes,

Was Summary Form PTOL-413 completed?

 Yes No

Is the record of the interview clear and complete?

 Yes No

Comments:

ClaimsWere claims treated in an inappropriate manner on non-substantive issues? Yes No

If yes,

- claims are present that were not addressed.
- claims previously withdrawn from consideration should have been cancelled.
- improper dependent claims were not properly treated.
- other

Comments:

Sequence Rules

Does the application contain nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences?

 Yes No

If yes,

Did the examiner properly handle Sequence Compliance Issues?

 Yes No

Comments:

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Section XIII. Other Issues

Were all claims for priority properly treated?

 Yes No N/A

If a restriction was made, was it proper?

 Yes No N/A

Were all matters of substance in applicant's response and affidavits/declarations evaluated sufficiently?

 Yes No N/A

Other issues?

 Yes No

In claim 1, lines 12 and 13, the phrase "multiplied signals" appears to be misdescriptive. Removal of high frequency components as described occurs at the outputs of the multipliers 3 and 4 in fig. 1, for example. Note the detailed description at page 9, lines 2-7. The phrase "multiplied signals" refers in its plain meaning to signals that are or have been multiplied. This can only refer to the inputs of the multipliers, not the outputs. Therefore, it appears that the removal of high frequency components as claimed in claim 1, lines 12 and 13 occurs at the inputs to the multipliers. This does not agree with the description above. Perhaps the claim can be amended by changing "multiplied signals" to "signals resulting from said multiplying." Also, the original classification on the face of the file wrapper is confusing since two different original classifications are designated in two different locations thereon.

Comments:

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Section XIV. Indicia of Commendable/Outstanding**Patentability Determination: Indicia of Commendable/Outstanding**

The record developed by the examiner shows an indication of allowable subject matter at the earliest time which is consistent with the file record and prosecution of the application. Yes

Through the rejections and arguments made by the examiner, an appropriate line of patentability is established which results in amendment(s) properly limiting the scope of an Yes

The search record in the application clearly shows that the examiner construes the claimed subject matter in its broadest reasonable interpretation and seeks to develop prior art from the appropriate peripherally related art areas. Yes

Action Taking: Indicia of Commendable/Outstanding

The statements of rejection, objection, and response to arguments clearly and concisely present the positions taken or recommended in the resulting Office actions including a thorough substantive explanation to convey those positions to the applicant. Yes

The Office action usually refer an applicant's attention to relevant and helpful elements, figures, and/or text upon which the Office action relies to support the position taken. Yes

The Office action indicates that the principle of compact prosecution is being fully followed. Note, the principle of compact prosecution comprises conducting an initial search which is as complete as possible including consultation with an expert in the art where the examiner lacks such expertise (see search guidelines); placing art of record which meets both the concept and the wording of the claims as well as other art which is pertinent to significant though unclaimed features of the disclosed invention; and issuing a first Office action which clearly explains the examiner's position on each essential issue in such detail that absent some unexpected consideration the next Office action may be made final. Yes

Patent Examining Function: Indicia of Commendable/Outstanding

Check one of the following statement if applicable:

- The Office action is formulated to advance the prosecution, correct other informalities, and develop a complete file wrapper record. The Office action also is such that it leaves little room for improvement. The Office action clearly and concisely presents the positions taken.
- The entire Office action is complete and accurate and does not require any substantial revision. The Office action effectively conveys the positions taken.

Comments:

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Search**Initial Data Capture Points**

Was art provided from an ESS before first action? Yes No

Was any IDS improperly treated? Yes No N/A

Was a text search performed by the Examiner?

 Was it non-patent literature? Yes No

 Is the search strategy printout present? Yes No N/A

 Was the inventorship searched by the Examiner? Yes No

If any TC or specialized art has identified specific search requirements in addition to or in exclusion of the above requirements, were these specific requirements complied with? Yes No N/A

Were foreign patent documents cited by the Examiner on an 892? Yes No

Were NPL documents cited by the Examiner on an 892? Yes No

Did the Examiner perform a new search in a 2nd/subsequent action? Yes No N/A

Did the Examiner update all searches in a subsequent action? Yes No N/A

Did an ESS submit a new search report in a 2nd/subsequent action? Yes No N/A

Was there new art found by the Examiner that was applied in a 2nd/subsequent action? Yes No N/A

Has a search been performed by the Reviewer? Yes No

Overall Rating of the Search Adequate Less than Adequate**Comments:**

It is noted that the class/subclass designated as the original classification on the file wrapper has not been searched. Note MPEP 904.02(a).